

## **BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS**

**The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers meeting was held March 31, 2009; meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, Christopher Stanley, Robert Miner, Jon Ulmschneider, Anthony Primiano, & Carolyn O'Brien. Also: Norman Guertin (for Brian Remy, who was out of town), Robert Horton (for James Sousa, who had a previous commitment), and Dennis Beaulieu (for Norman Blank, who was out on medical).**

**Minutes of previous meeting read. R. Miner made motion, with second by J. Ulmschneider, to accept as submitted; motion unanimously passed.**

### **Correspondence:**

**&#61656; Paw Sox tickets distributed.**

**&#61656; Individual company correspondence distributed.**

**&#61656; Department ID's distributed.**

**&#61656; Letter re: Annual 5K Road Race distributed.**

### **Old Business:**

**&#61656; Career Day – KMS, April 7th, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Tower 1 to go.**

**&#61656; 2009/2010 Budget – Currently stands as is. Chief going forward with getting T. Wazecha full-time. He is waiting for town solicitor to get back to him with information about this. There is one**

more public hearing prior to May Town Financial Meeting. Chief would like as many firefighters as possible to attend Town Financial Meeting.

#### **New Business:**

&#61656; Department scholarship applications distributed; due back to Chief no later than May 30th.

&#61656; Updated Emergency Access Box listing distributed.

&#61656; Bristol Fourth of July Parade invitation received; Chief wants to know if any company wants to participate. He needs to let Bristol Parade Committee know before May 31st.

&#61656; EMS Division – Chief wants all EMS scheduling, etc. to go to Tracy Wazecha; she is EMS Coordinator. Individual availability to be e-mailed; R. Miner asked if will still be able to use paper method. Chief stated yes, if no access to e-mail.

&#61656; 12-lead extension missing from rescue; this is second one this year.

&#61656; Chief has copies of Roberts Rules of Order. These are to be followed at all company meetings.

#### **Station Reports:**

&#61656; Sta. 6 – Chief will as Town Council at April 14th meeting to accept a bid for construction. Chief received two bids for sprinkler system, one bid for fire alarm, and one for Plymo-Vent. Chief has solicited two bids for the epoxy floor. He is trying to get money from the stimulus program to help with the cost.

&#61656; Chief expects new tanker and engine in town either late August or sometime in Sept. Both have been ordered.

&#61656; Magnetic signs for old Eng. 1 still not found. Chief reminded everyone it is no longer to be called Reserve Eng. 1; it is Eng. 4. The only exception will be when it is temporarily replacing an out of service piece of apparatus, at which time it will be designated the unit it is replacing.

&#61656; Chief purchased new 1 ¾" hose. At 6:30 p.m. on the following dates, the designated company is to be at Central Fire Headquarters to test new hose, have it marked, and placed on their apparatus. Old hose will be kept at headquarters as spare. April 9th – Eng. 2; April 14th – Eng. 3; April 15th – Eng. 5; and April 21st – Eng. 6. Each truck will have 600' of new 1 ¾" hose.

&#61656; Marco Andrade wanted to join Special Hazards. He will not be able to, since he is only a probationary member of rescue. Membership in Hazards requires full membership in another company first.

#### **Training:**

&#61656; Chief has waivers for Union Fire District training on May 30th; he needs list of company members wanting to participate. Chief will arrange for a bus for transportation, and for box lunches. Participants are to be FF I or II certified.

&#61656; Foam drill scheduled for April 23rd, fire headquarters, 6:30 p.m. Chief wants everyone to bring all old buckets of foam they may have.

&#61656; Chief working with National Grid re: liability, to use their old facility for a search and rescue drill before it is torn down.

&#61656; Mayday drill now in power point. Chief will have company officers participate first in May, before program presented to full membership. Chief will ask Chief Gordon to permit dispatchers to participate in full program so they will be familiar with procedures.

Other:

&#61656; Central Fire holding banquet May 4th at Venus, 7:15 p.m. It also will be to honor Captain John J. Jannitto for 40 consecutive years as captain, and 50+ years in the Warren Fire Department. Chief has tickets if interested; cost \$25 each. Chief will need to know 7-10 days in advance if attending, in order to let the Venus know. Please keep this quiet, as it is a surprise for Captain Jannitto. C. Stanley is to invite Town Council, and request they prepare a proclamation. Chief will ask Malik and Felag for something also. N. Guertin asked if the companies can give Captain Jannitto gifts; Chief said yes, if they want to. Chief wants to present a personal letter, since he and Captain Jannitto have been friends for so long.

There being no further business to discuss, J. Ulmschneider made motion, with second by R. Miner, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously; meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.